

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):
 - 1) 10-50%, ~~preferably 20-40%~~, of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;
 - 2) 50-90%, ~~preferably 60-80%~~ of a blend consisting of:
 - a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and ~~one or more α -olefin(s)~~ at least one α -olefin of formula $H_2C=CHR$, where R is a C_2 - C_8 linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% ~~preferably 12-35%~~ of said C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s) ~~(copolymer (a))~~; and
 - b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene ~~(copolymer (b))~~, wherein ~~the~~ an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of ~~the~~ a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of ~~the~~ a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);wherein ~~the~~ a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3.
2. (currently amended) The masterbatch composition of claim 1, wherein ~~copolymer (b) has an~~ the ethylene content of copolymer (b) is from over 30 to 60% by weight.
3. (original) The masterbatch composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio (a)/(b) is from 2/1 to 1/2.
4. (currently amended) A thermoplastic polyolefin composition containing ~~the masterbatch compositions according to claims 1-3~~ a masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):
 - 1) 10-50% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;
 - 2) 50-90% of a blend consisting of:
 - a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one α -olefin of formula $H_2C=CHR$, where R is a C_2 - C_8 linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s); and
 - b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3.

5. (currently amended) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 4 wherein ~~thea~~ content of the masterbatch composition is up to 60% by weight.
6. (currently amended) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 4 wherein the masterbatch composition is blended with additional polyolefins.
7. (currently amended) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 6 wherein the ~~propylene polymer is~~additional polyolefins are selected from propylene homopolymers, random copolymers, and heterophasic copolymers composition.
8. (currently amended) The thermoplastic polyolefin composition of claim 4 also comprising a mineral filler.
9. (currently amended) Bumpers comprising ~~the masterbatch composition of claim 1~~
a masterbatch composition comprising (percentage by weight):
 - 1) 10-50% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;
 - 2) 50-90% of a blend consisting of:
 - a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one α -olefin of formula $H_2C=CHR$, where R is a C_2 - C_8 linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s); and
 - b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3.
10. (currently amended) A process for preparing ~~thea~~ masterbatch composition ~~of claim 1~~
comprising (percentage by weight):
 - 1) 10-50% of a crystalline propylene homopolymer;
 - 2) 50-90% of a blend consisting of:
 - a) a copolymer (a) of ethylene and at least one α -olefin of formula $H_2C=CHR$, where R is a C_2 - C_8 linear or branched alkyl radical, and containing 10-40% of said C_4 - C_{10} α -olefin(s); and
 - b) an amorphous copolymer (b) of propylene and ethylene, wherein an ethylene content is from 20-70%, and having an intrinsic viscosity value of a xylene-soluble moiety of from 2.2 to 3.5 dL/g, this value being equal to 0.8 to 1.2 times the intrinsic viscosity

value of a xylene-soluble moiety of copolymer (a);

wherein a weight ratio between copolymer (a) and copolymer (b) is from 3/1 to 1/3

by a sequential polymerization, comprising at least three sequential steps, wherein components ~~(1)~~1) and ~~(2)~~2) are prepared in separate subsequent steps, operating in each step, except the first step, in the presence of the polymer formed and the catalyst used in the preceding step.

11. (new) The masterbatch composition of claim 1 wherein component 1) is present in an amount from 20-40% by weight.
12. (new) The masterbatch composition of claim 1 wherein component 2) is present in an amount from 60-80% by weight.
13. (new) The masterbatch composition of claim 1 wherein in component 2), R contains 12-35% of said C₄-C₁₀ α-olefins.